

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ricardo BLANK et al. Confirmation No.: 7089  
Application No.: 10/701,698 Group Art Unit: 3761  
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For: CONNECTOR DEVICE Attorney Docket No.: 88265-08496

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 25, 2008, and with the request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed simultaneously herewith, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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